

Calculating – multiplying decimals by 10, 100 and 1000

When we multiply by 10 the number becomes larger by 1 place value.
 When we multiply by 100 the number becomes larger by 2 place values.
 When we multiply by 1000 the number becomes larger by 3 place values.
 Look what happens to 45.216 when we apply these rules:

$$45.216 \times 10 = 452.16 \quad 45.216 \times 100 = 4521.6 \quad 45.216 \times 1000 = 45216$$

- 1 Warm up with these. Work with a partner and a calculator. Predict your answers to the following then try out the problems. Your answers will be one or more of the following. The first one has been done for you.

tens tenths hundredths units

What place values are in your answers? Multiply by 10:

- a these units: 6, 3, 1 We get 60, 30, 10 (tens)
 b these tenths: 0.6, 0.3 and 0.1 We get 6, 3, 1 (units)
 c these hundredths: 0.06, 0.03 and 0.01 We get 0.6, 0.3, 0.1 (tenths)
 d these units and tenths: 1.6, 2.3 and 3.4 We get 16, 23, 34 (tens and units)
 e these tenths and hundredths: 0.16, 0.23, 0.31 and 0.49 We get 1.6, 2.3, 3.1, 4.9 (units and tenths)

- 2 Multiply these decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. Estimate first.

	$\times 10$	$\times 100$	$\times 1000$
0.5	5	50	500
0.25	2.5	25	250
0.37	3.7	37	370
1.2	12	120	1200
7.34	73.4	734	7340

- 3 Estimate, then calculate the answers:

- a $10 \times 0.7 = 7$ b $100 \times 0.9 = 90$ c $10 \times 0.3 = 3$
 d $100 \times 0.15 = 15$ e $1000 \times 0.27 = 270$ f $100 \times 0.45 = 45$
 g $100 \times 0.255 = 25.5$ h $10 \times 0.555 = 5.55$ i $1000 \times 0.178 = 178$

Calculating – dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000

When we divide by 10 the number becomes smaller by 1 place value.
 When we divide by 100 the number becomes smaller by 2 place values.
 When we divide by 1000 the number becomes smaller by 3 place values.
 Look what happens to 45 when we apply these rules:

$$45 \div 10 = 4.5 \quad 45 \div 100 = 0.45 \quad 45 \div 1000 = 0.045$$

- 1 Divide these numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. Estimate first.

	$\div 10$	$\div 100$	$\div 1000$
50	5	0.5	0.05
25	2.5	0.25	0.025
37.2	3.72	0.372	0.0372
48.5	4.85	0.485	0.0485
542	54.2	5.42	0.542

- 2 Estimate, then calculate the answers:

- a $72 \div 10 = 7.2$ b $48 \div 1000 = 0.048$ c $35.2 \div 100 = 0.352$
 d $92.05 \div 10 = 9.205$ e $345.7 \div 1000 = 0.3457$ f $55.07 \div 100 = 0.5507$

- 3 You'll work with a partner for this activity. You'll also need a calculator. Take turns giving each other a decimal number to transform.

- a Give them the starting number and the number you want it to become.
 b Your partner then has to do so in one move on the calculator, dividing by either 10, 100 or 1000.
 c If they can do so, they score 10 points. If they get it wrong, you score 10 points. If you give them a problem that can't be solved by dividing by 10, 100 or 1000, they score the 10 points.
 d Swap roles. First person to 50 points wins. Record the numbers below:

Answers will vary.



